

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a ring-like structure in accordance with the present invention.

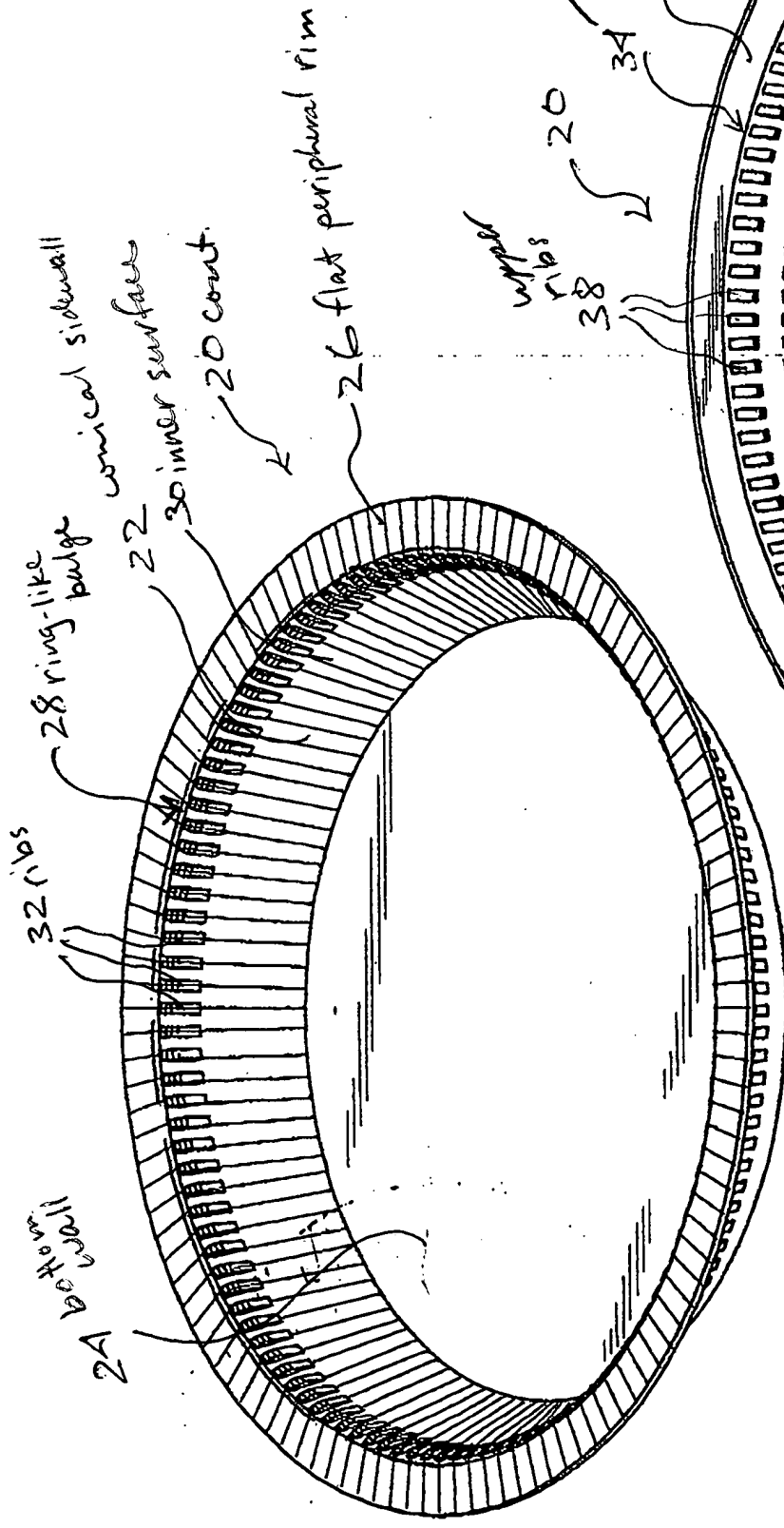


Fig. 1

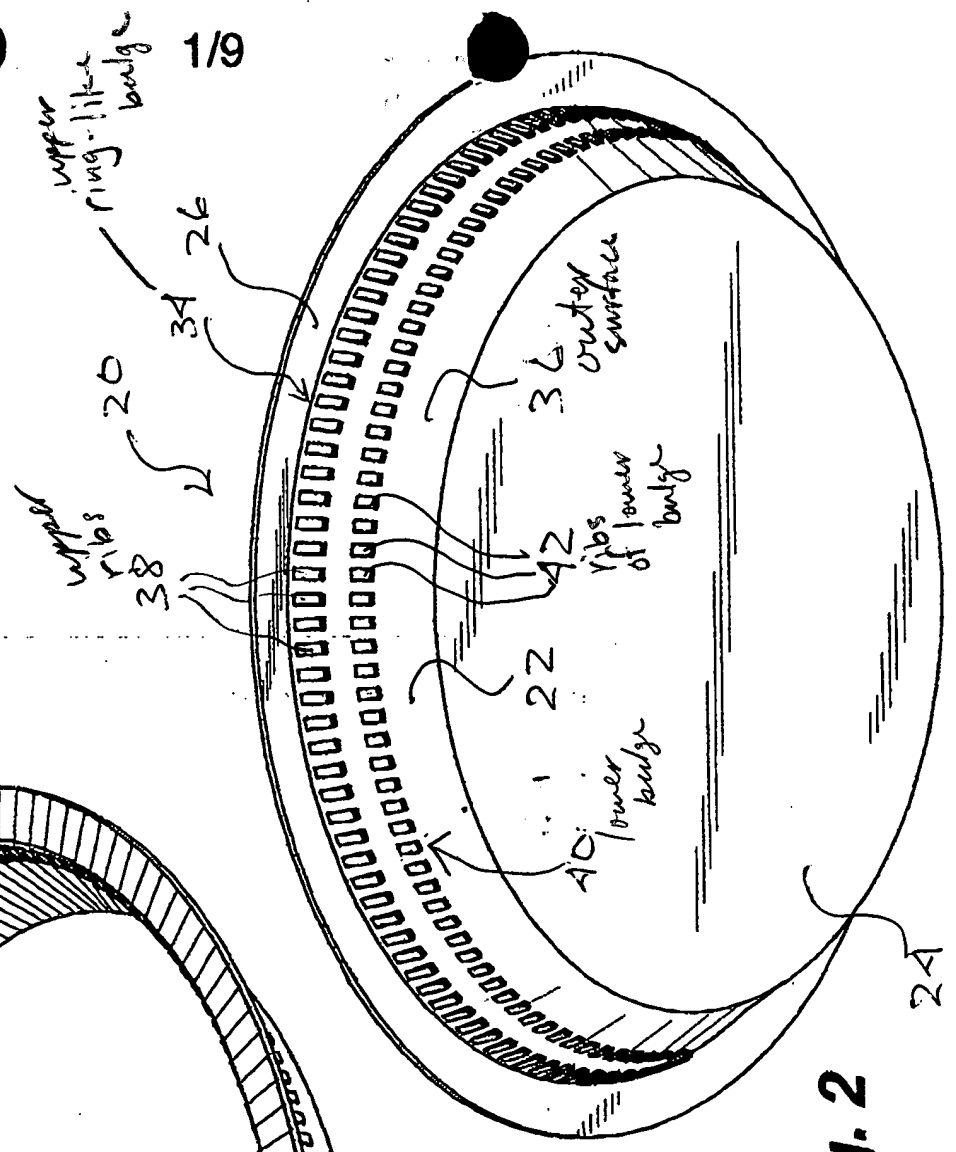


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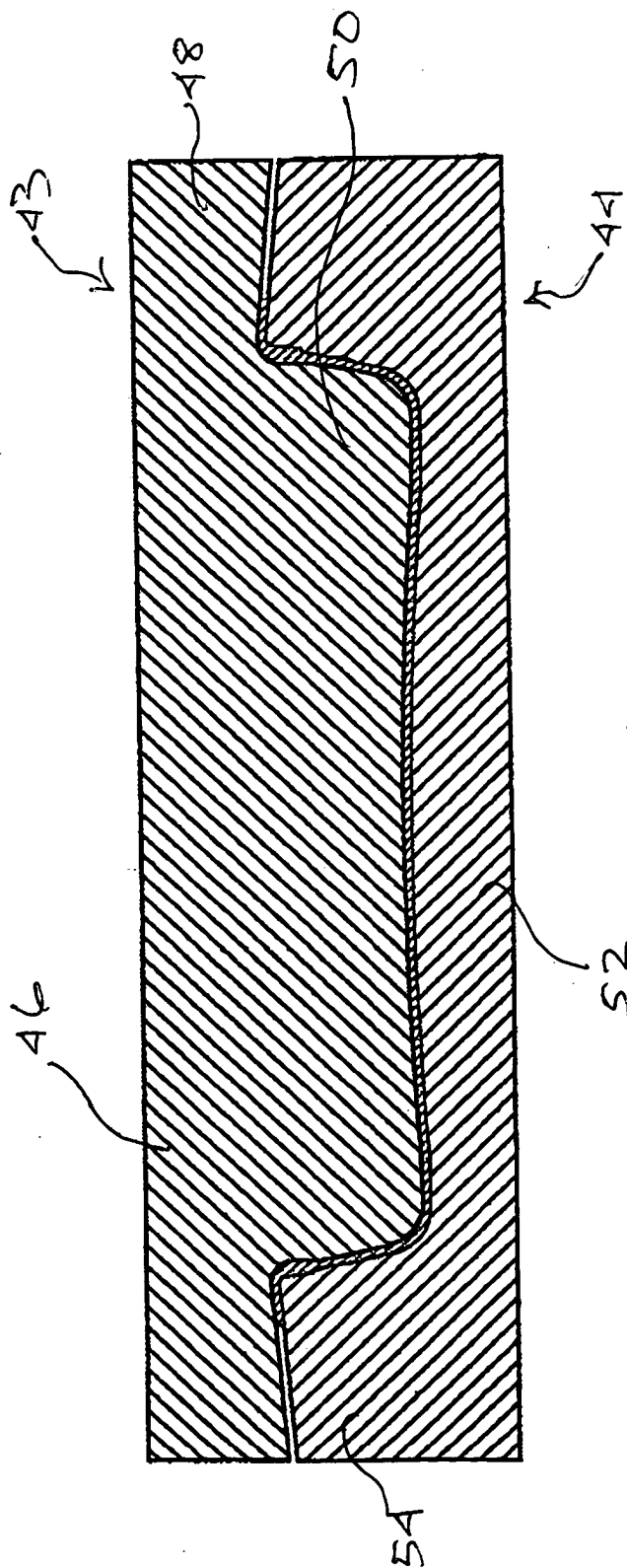


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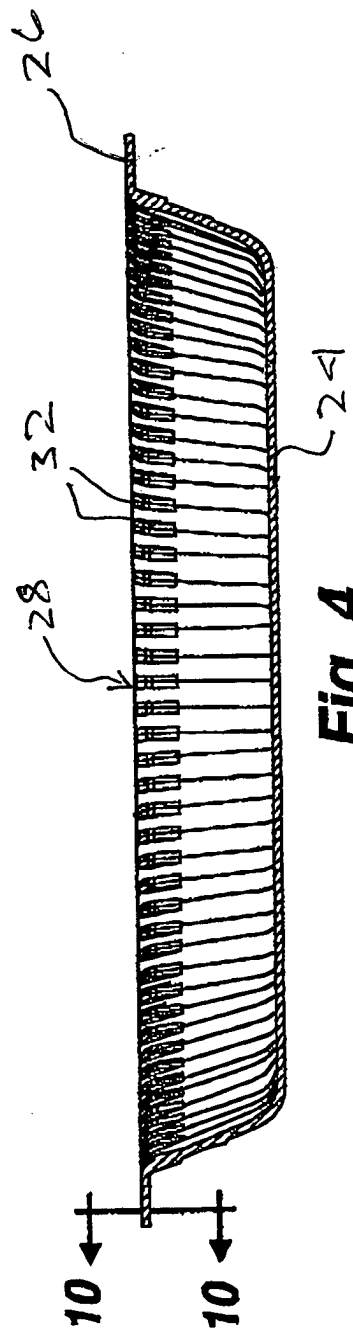


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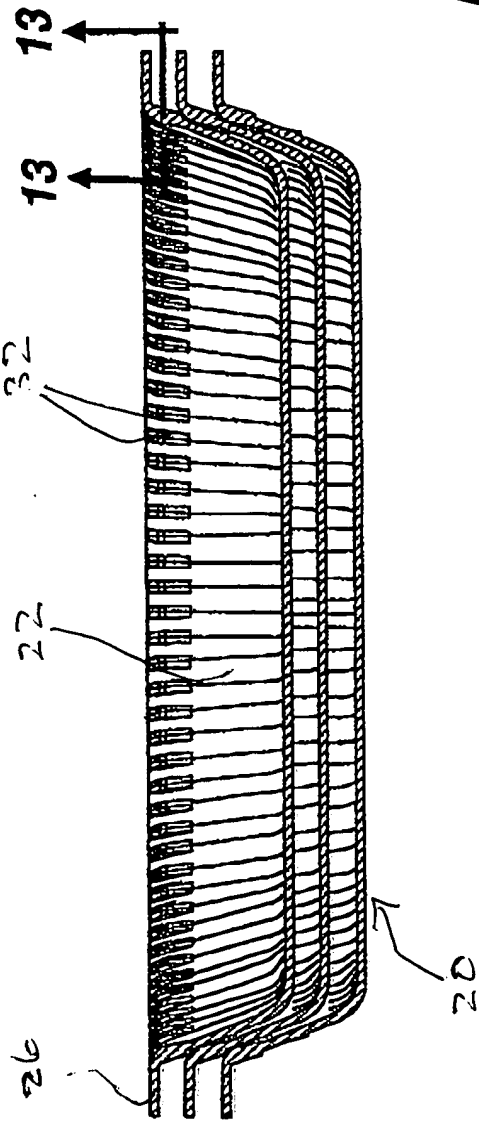


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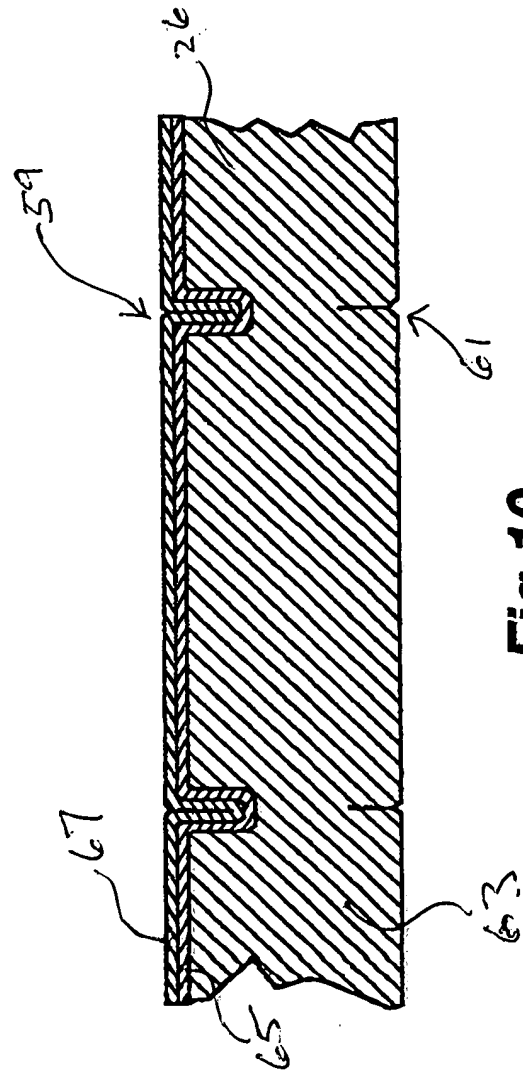


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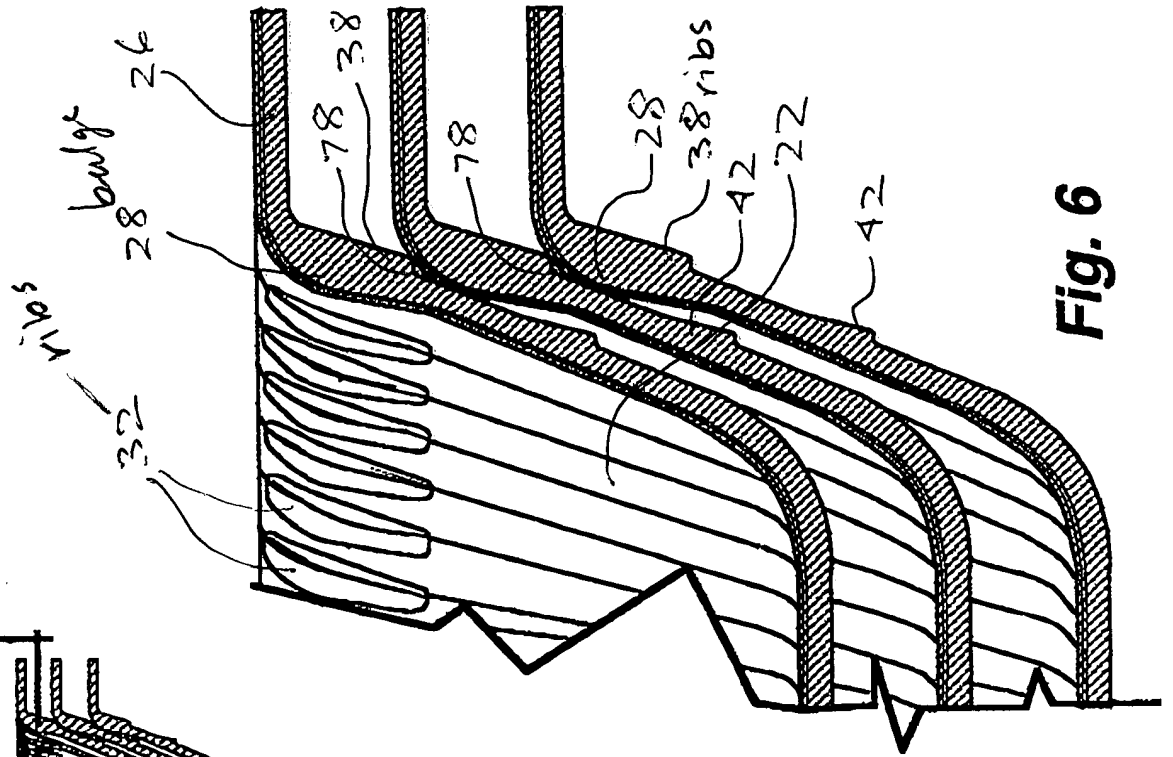


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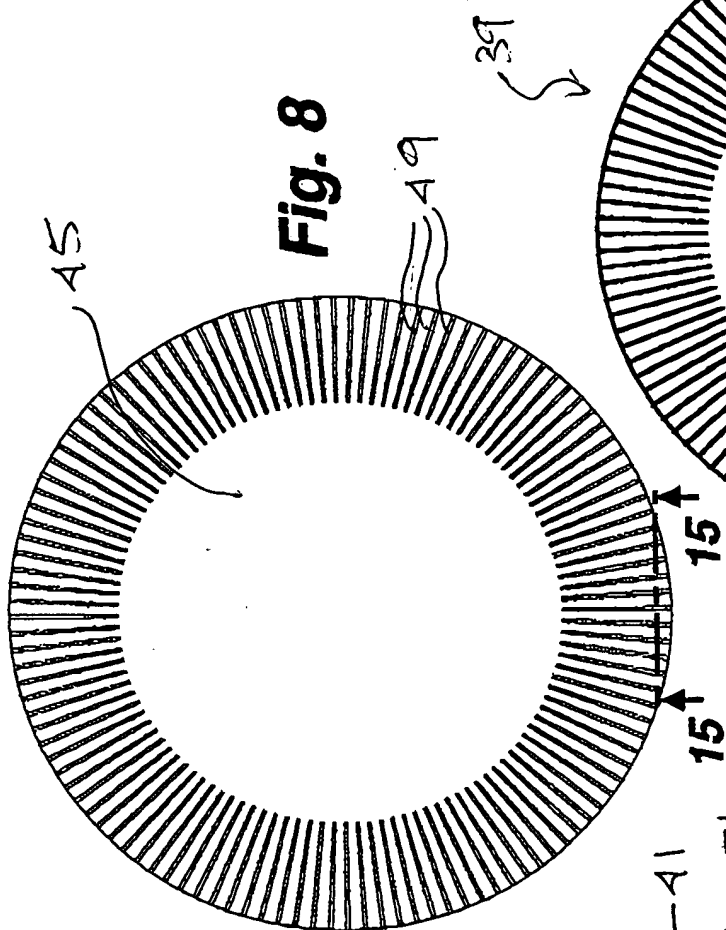


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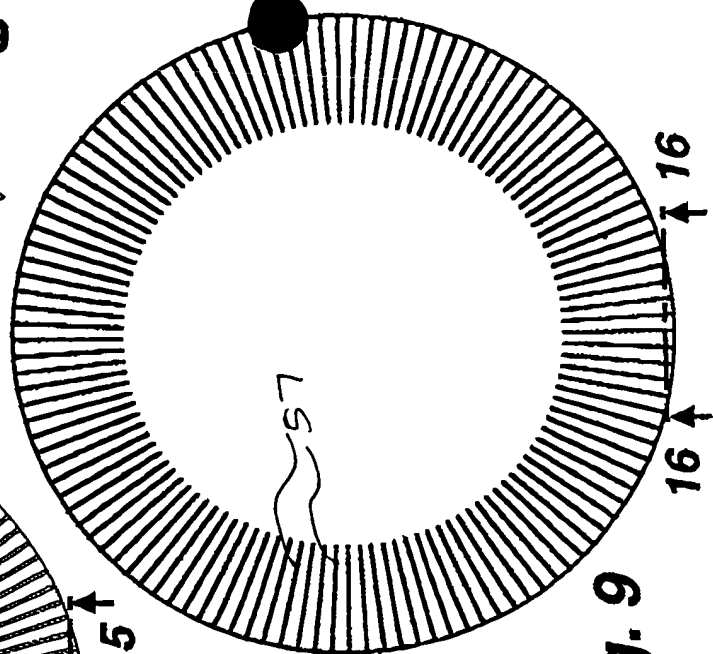


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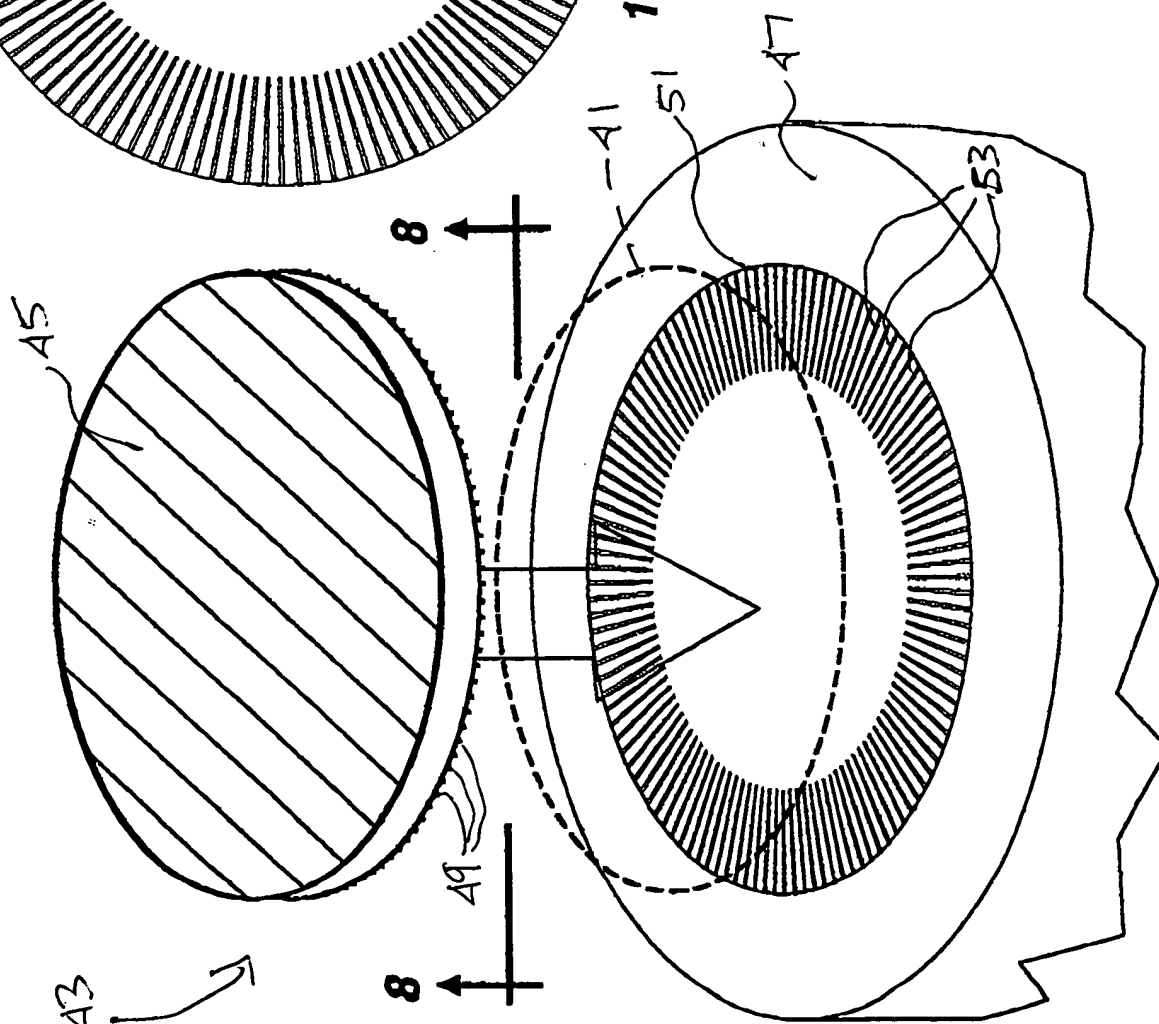
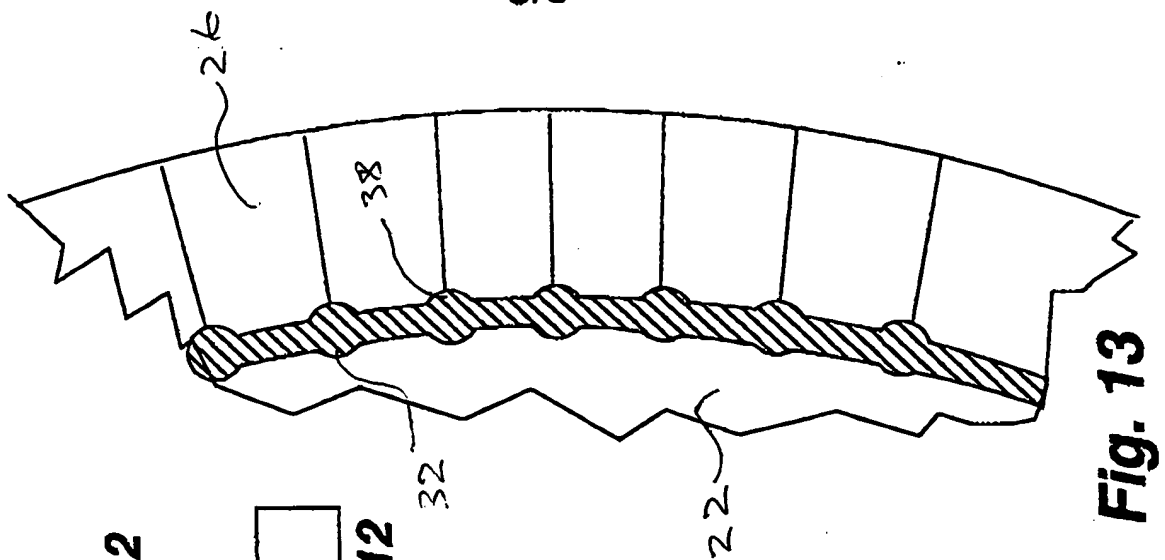
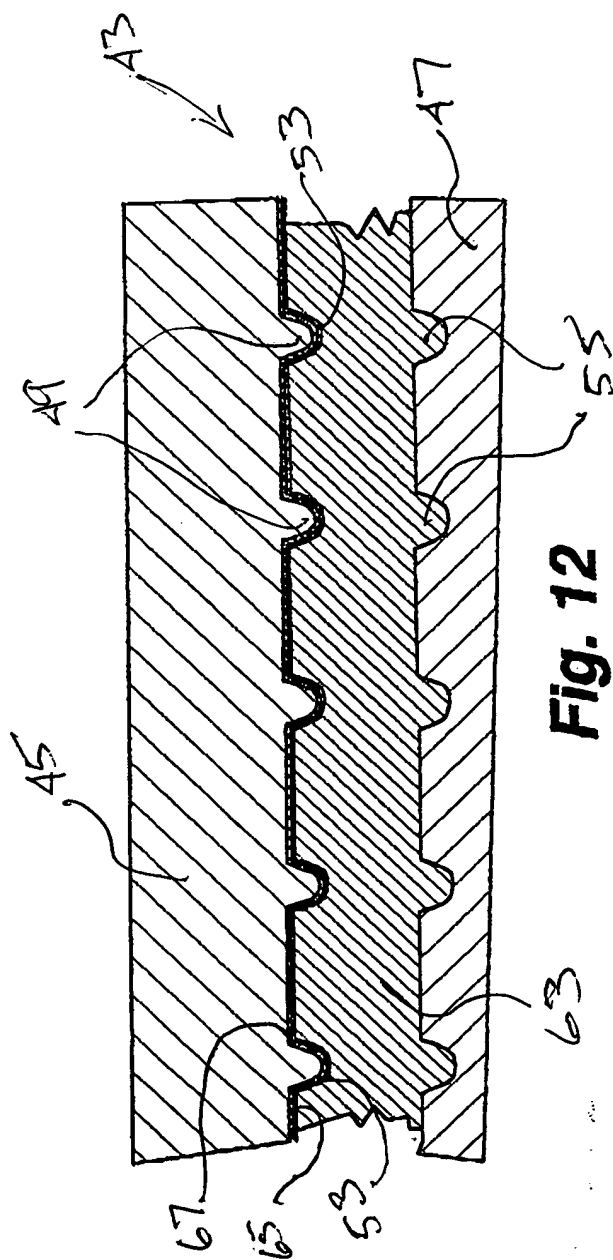
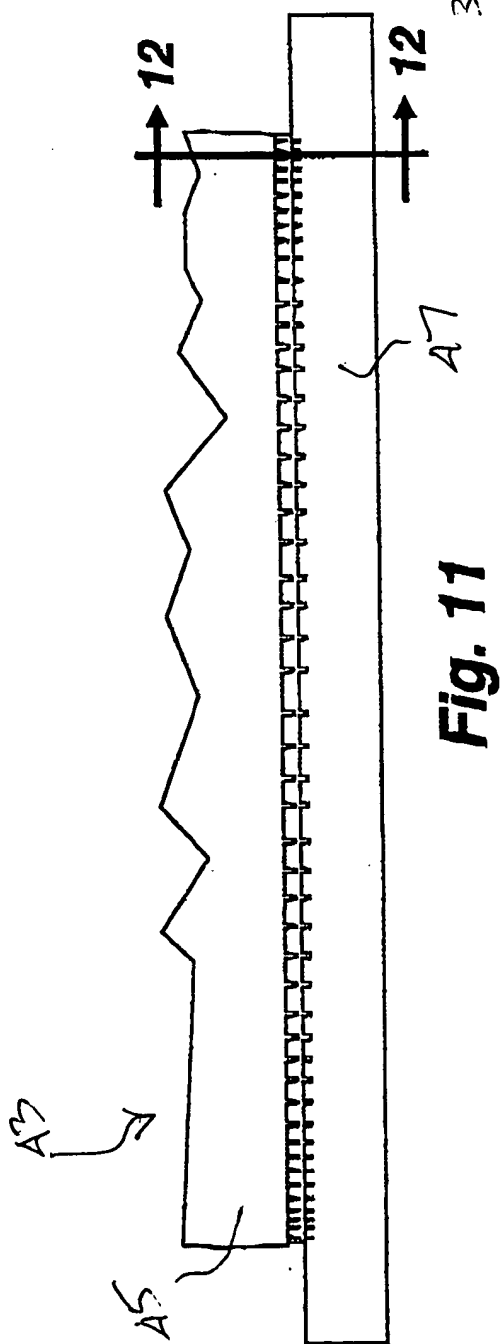


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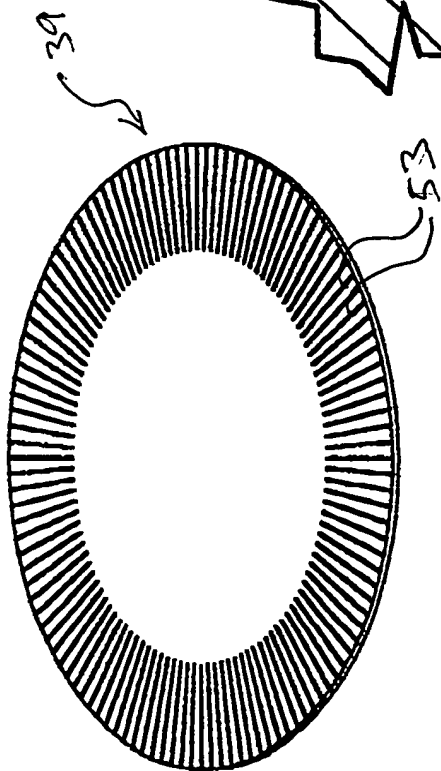


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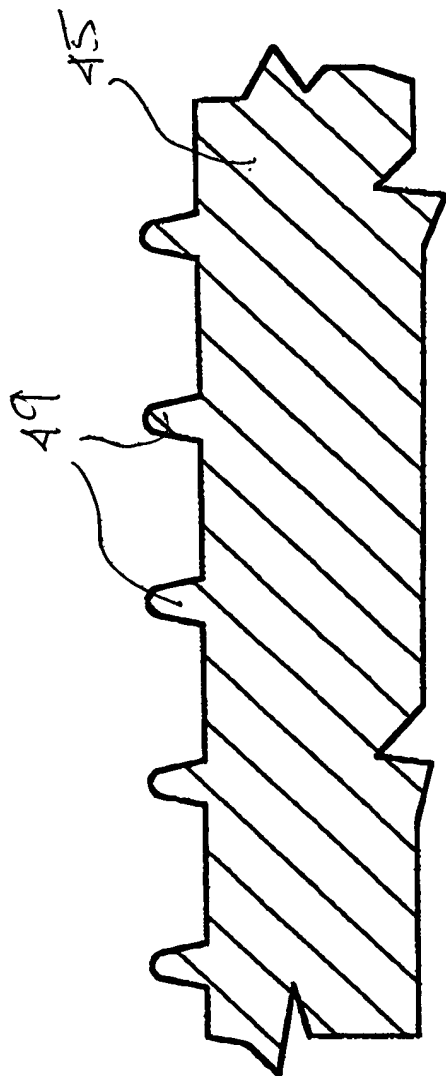


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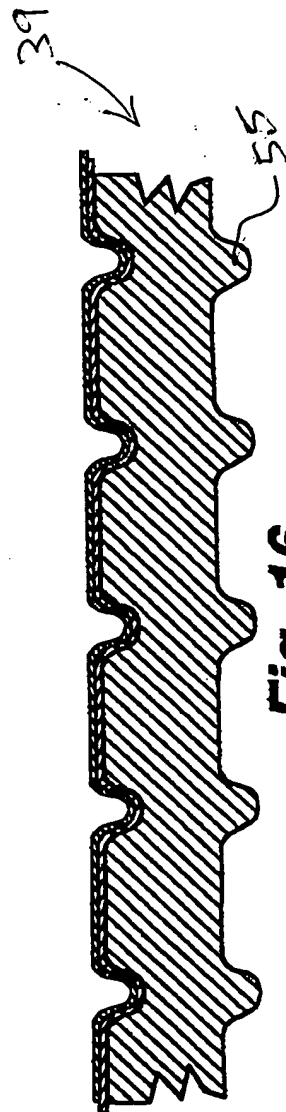
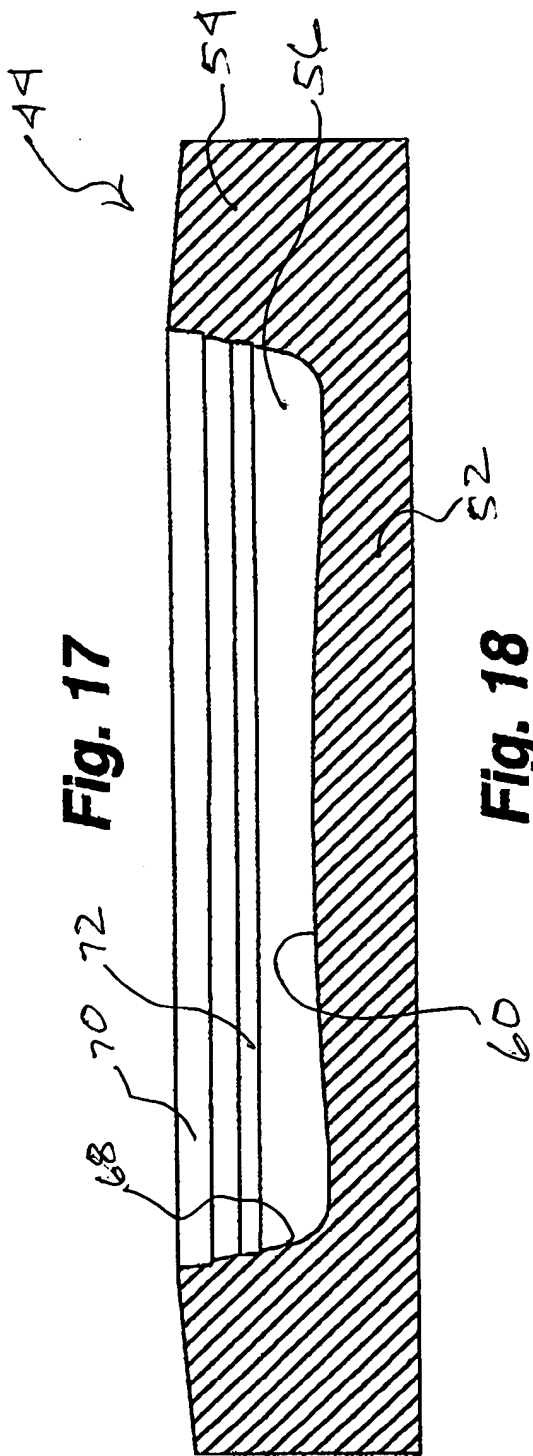
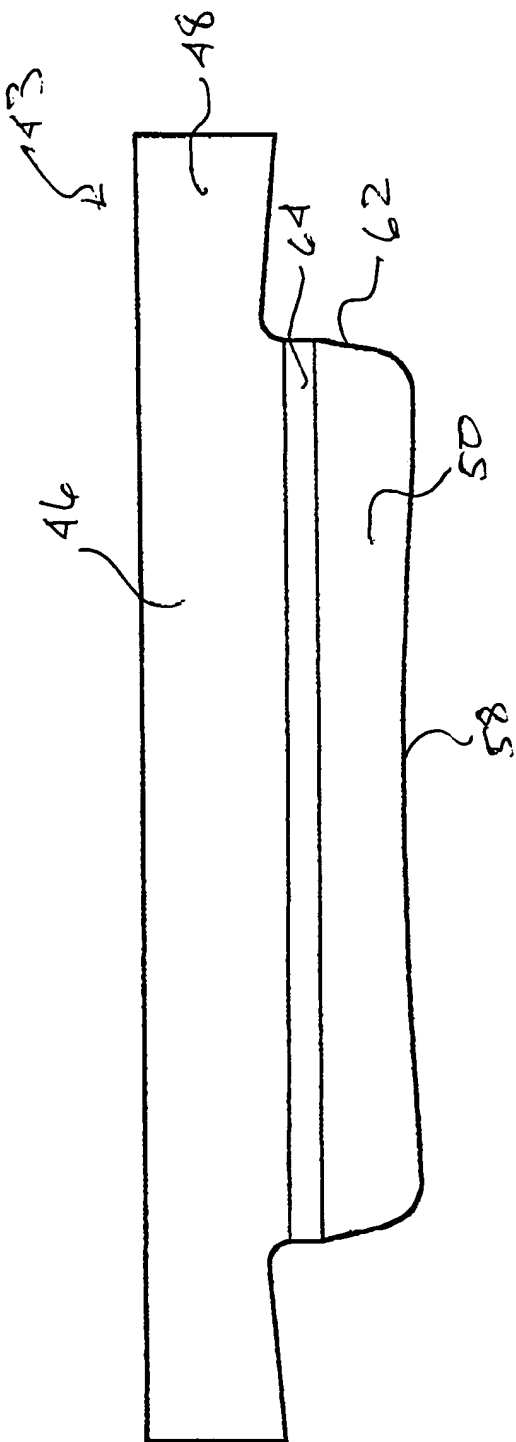


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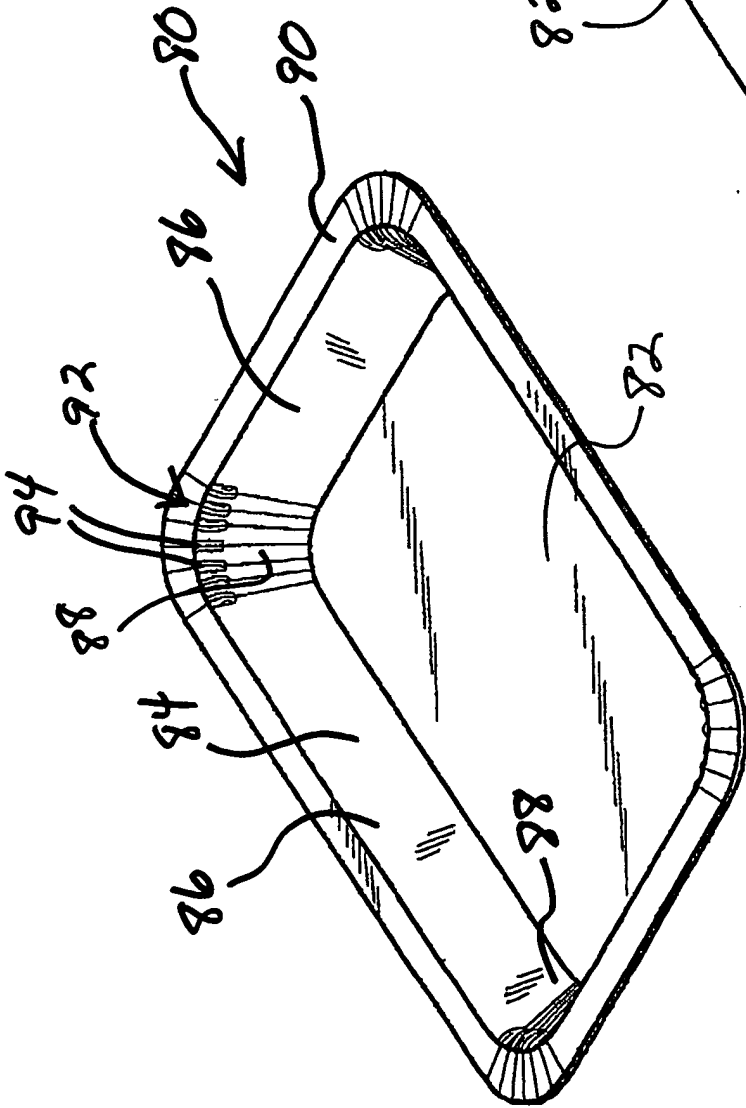


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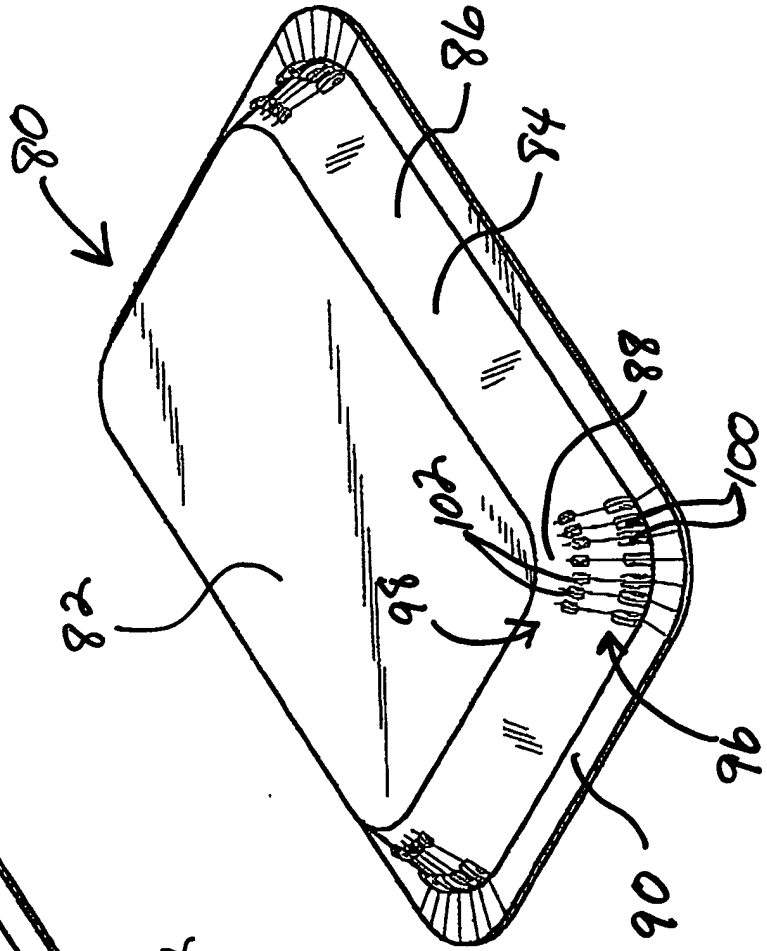


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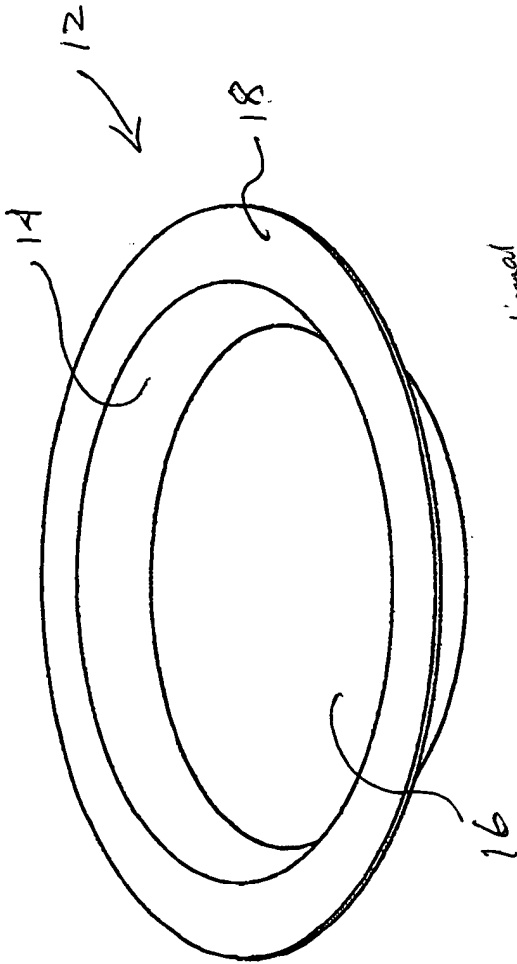


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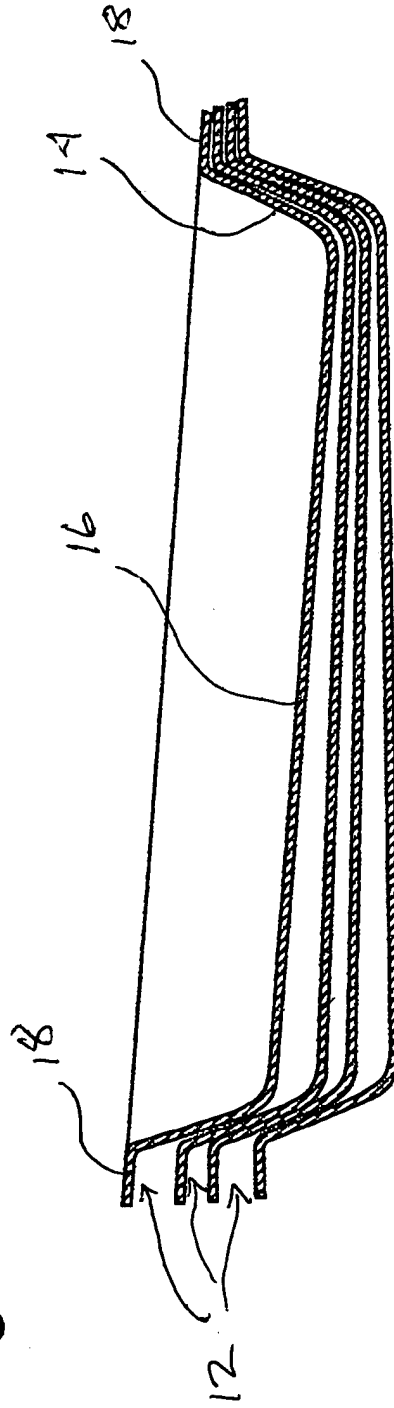


Fig. 22